आर्थिक समुदाय के कुछ देशों में हाल में उत्पादन तथा रोजगार की वृद्धि में मंदी रही है। इस रुख के जारी रहने से सभी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वाणिज्यिक लेन-देन प्रभावित होंगे जिससे कि सामान तथा सेवाओं की बाहरी मांग कम हो जाएगी।

Frittering away funds for Research by Tea Research Bodies

2666. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tea research bodies in the country are frittering away funds allocated for research; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Lifting of Ban on Import of Consumer Items

2667. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has asked India to prepare a time bound plan for lifting ban on import of consumer goods, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are reconsidering the policy of physical protection in the case of consumer goods which are exported;

(c) whether the Bank has also suggested measures for export of foodgrains and other agricultural products, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) in what manner Government reacted to these suggestions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to liberalise the export of consumer goods.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Incidence of Export Rejections

2668. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manner in which Government plans to control high incidence of export rejections caused due to supply of sub-standard goods to foreign buyers by Indian exporters;

(b) whether Government propose to empower Export Inspection Council to prosecute such exporters and black list them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The incidence of export rejections is negligible. However, complaints on export of substandard goods as and when received from foreign buyers are investigated and remedial measures, including action against erring exporters where warranted, are taken under the relevant provisions of Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963, Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 947/Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 and Export (Control) Order, 1980 as amended.

(b) and (c) Director, Export Inspection Council, has already been authorised by the Government to initiate prosection against the exporters for an offence punishable under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963.

Regarding debarring, the Director General of Foreign Trade or an Officer